

# PLAN OF THE WEEK

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## Command Column

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I have often remarked over the last couple years that while military members come and go at Training Center Yorktown, the civilian workforce here provides a large measure of continuity, and really **are** the Training Center. Not too long from now people will be saying "who was that XO?...you know, that tall guy?"

On the other hand, after Mr. A. B. Fulcher retires on 1 June 2000, people will remember and be talking about him for decades. Plain and simple, the man is a legend. I can't tell you how many times I've heard "I don't know anything about that....but I'll bet A.B. knows...he knows everything."

A.B. would be the first to admit that he doesn't know everything, but there isn't much about the Training Center he doesn't know. On the first of June he will retire (for the second time). This time he is **really** retiring, but I know he will be as busy as ever during this third career.

I will always remember A.B. as the kindest most gentlemanly person here. He is a fount of knowledge, and truly a master trainer. I'm sure we really don't know how we will live without him, but somehow we'll try.

I feel blessed to have met and worked with such a fine man, and know he will continue to do God's work wherever he happens to find himself.

Enjoy your retirement A.B. We will miss you!

## Congratulations:

MK3 Jimmy and Mary Sorenson are the proud parents of a baby girl, 7lbs 2oz, 20" long, named Jordan Alexis, born on 4 May.

## Thoughts from Last Week:

--- Captain Gentile, the Prospective Commanding Officer, was on board for the entire week receiving briefings from throughout the Training Center. Everyone did an excellent job of getting the Captain "up to speed," and ready to relieve Captain Sande on 7 June 2000 at 1100.

---Planning for the Change of Command ceremony is going along very well. LCDR Dix, the project officer, posted some excellent tips for 7 June on the TRACEN Bulletin Board.

---YN2 Lorino was awarded the Coast Guard Achievement Medal for excellence as the Command Yeoman and for her work while assigned to PERSRU. YN2 Lorino departs on 26 May for HRSIC.

---Planning continues for the 1 June 2000 CWO Commissioning Ceremony. RADM Ames will be on board for CWO Farmer's retirement ceremony on 31 May, and remain here for the commissioning ceremony and A.B. Fulcher's retirement.

---MCPO Evans, the Command Master Chief from TRACEN Cape May, visited the Training Center and was quite impressed by the attention we provided young students, as well as impressed by the students themselves.

## A Look Ahead:

24 MAY 1430, Change of Command Planning Committee Meeting, Command Conf Rm, LCDR Dix, x2048

26 MAY RADM North (G-M) aboard for Briefings/Tours/Lunch, LCDR Merrick, x2047

1130 CPOA Hail & Farewell, Bldg 156, GMC Smith, x2198

29 MAY Memorial Day (Holiday Routine)

31 MAY RADM Ames(G-W) aboard for CWO Farmer's and Mr. Fulcher's Retirements

## Important Items to Know:

✚ In its continuing effort to help taxpayers, the Internal Revenue Service has designated 20 May as National Problem Solving Day. At 34 locations across the country, taxpayers will once again have the opportunity to meet one-on-one with IRS officials to resolve long-standing tax issues. Problem Solving Day has been instrumental in helping taxpayers set up Installment Agreements, resolve issues involving tax returns, and negotiate an Offer in Compromise. Taxpayers can find the National Problem Solving Day location nearest them at <http://www.irs.gov/hot/problem-solving.html> or by calling the IRS toll-free at 1-800-829-1040.

✚ Smoking Cessation Classes will begin each Tuesday at 1130 during lunch for the next four weeks. For more information, contact MK1 Brockenbrough x-2824.

✚ Temporary Separation From the Service Policy. The Coast Guard has implemented a new policy that allows career-oriented officers and enlisted members a one-time separation from active duty for up to two years with a pre-determined mechanism to return to active duty. Check ALCOAST 216/00 for details.

## Good Order and Discipline:

The CO of Student Personnel held masts on 11 May with the following results:

**Accusation:** Violation of Article 92, Failure to obey order or regulation, Article 134, Disorderly conduct, drunkenness, Article 86, Absence without leave.

**Final Disposition:** Restriction to TRACEN for 21 days; 2 hours of extra duty per day for 21 days; reduction to pay grade E-2; forfeiture of \$300/month for 2 months. Member is pending discharge.

**Accusation:** Violation of Article 107, False official statements.

**Final Dispositions:** Restriction to TRACEN for 30 days; 2 hours of extra duty per day for 30 days; reduction to pay grade E-2. Member is awaiting PCS orders.

## Chaplain's Corner:

### Worship Opportunities at Olde Yorke Chapel:

0945 & 1630 Sunday Roman Catholic Mass

1100 Sunday Protestant Worship

1145 Daily Roman Catholic

0630 Promise Keepers on Tuesday & Thursday

1140 Ladies Bible Study every Thursday

There is also a mid-week Bible study at the Chapel every Wednesday, from 1140-1230. This is open to all personnel and their families.

## Websites

For all personnel retiring and separating from the Coast Guard in the near future, attached is a listing of the Job Fairs websites for the Hampton Roads Area:

15 Jun 00 at the Chesapeake Conference Center

<http://www.CorporateGray.com>

27 Sep 00 at the Chesapeake Conference Center

<http://www.hrccva.com>

6 Oct 00 at the Scope

<http://www.ncoausa.org>

26 Oct 00 at the Holiday Inn Hampton, VA

<http://www.vpcc.org>

Note: Each Job Fair has approximately 60-110 employers and 1,000-2,000 attendees.

## From the Safety Office

### Tripping Tip

Keep your work area clean and don't clutter aisles or stairs. Store materials and tools in closets, cabinets, or specially assigned storage areas.